



## **Death Sentence Reprieved**

Frederick Pritchard and Charles Richardson were convicted of stealing a cloak and other articles of wearing apparel from the house of George Hendy at Chute. Of Richardson's guilt, there was no doubt.

Pritchard gave a very circumstantial and consistent account of himself and the other prisoner declared that Pritchard had no participation in the robbery, that he met him within 3 miles of Marlborough and that his only crime was taking a piece of the bacon which he (Richardson) had stolen.

To this account the Judge paid attention and the appearance of Pritchard when contrasted with his fellow prisoner, and above all the testimony of the guilty on behalf of the innocent, it was thought would have had some weight, but the Jury found them both guilty.

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